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1. POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES ON USE OF EXPORT CONTROLS INCLUDED IN AGENDA FOR AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S MEETINGS WITH GOA OFFICIALS HERE APRIL 22-23. GOA SPOKESMAN (GABRIEL MARTINEZ) SAID ARGENTINA BELIEVES EXPORTING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE FREE TO MAKE EXPORT DECISIONS AT OWN DISCRETION BASED ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FACTORS. SUCH DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE MADE ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. AS EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE GROUNDS FOR SUCH DECISIONS, HE LISTED (1) AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE DOMESTIC SUPPLIES (2) ASSURANCE OF REMUNERATIVE EXPORT PRICES (3) AVOIDANCE OF EXCESSIVE DRAIN ON NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND (4) MAINTENANCE OF FULL DOMESTIC EMPLOYEMENT.

2. MARTINEZ SPECIFIED THAT POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR EXPORT RESTRAINTS, AND, IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO CUBAN EMBARGO, NOTED THAT GOA WAS CONCERNED BY SOME US DECISIONS IN THIS RESPECT. STATED THAT ARGENTINA ALMOST NEVER MADE EXPORT DECISIONS ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH ACTION BASED ON AGREEMENTS REACHED IN UNITED NATIONS. SAID EXPORT RESTRAINTS NOT MAJOR PROBLEM FOR ARGENTINA. GOA MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN ASSURING CONTINUED ACCESS TO FOREIGN MARKETS FOR ITS EXPORTS, A PROBLEM WHICH IT CONSIDERS TO BE DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THAT OF ASSURANCES OF SUPPLY.

3. AS EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO ADVISE GOA OF US INTEREST IN QUESTION OF GUIDELINES FOR EXPORT CONTROLS ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE EBERLE VISIT, GENERALLY NEGATIVE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MARTINEZ PROBABLY NOT BASED ON THOROUGH GOA CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES INVOLVED, AND THEREFORE DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT FINAL POSITION. EMBASSY SEEKING FURTHER OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS MATTER IN DEPTH WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF ECONOMY.
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